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VERBATION TEXT

White House made following press announcement 7:30 p.m. Washington time August 18 re movement troops to Berlin.

QUOTE In view of recent developments including the movement of East German military forces into East Berlin, the President has directed an appropriate increase in the US garrison in Berlin. A battle group of approximately 1500 men will proceed by way of the Helmstedt-Berlin autobahn arriving there on Sunday. The details on the movement of the men will be available later at the Defense Department. UNQUOTE

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